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## THE VALUE OF DISCUSSION.

Particularly in this country, where mere talk is always contrasted unfavorably with action, is discussion rare. The only way we can justify our substitution of talking for acting is to talk badly. To put into talk the deliberate effort which action demands would seem an insufferable pedantry. Talk is one of the few unspiced talents still left in a mechanical world. The plain man resents any invasion of this last preserve of freedom. He resents the demand that skill and effort be put to work in raising talk into real discussion where points are met and formulations made. So conversation is left to grow wild as a common flower along the wayside of our personal contacts.

Discussion should be one of the most important things in the world, for it is almost our only arena of thinking. It is here that all the jumble of ideas and impressions that we get from reading and watching are dramatically placed in conflict. Here only is there a genuine challenge to put them in some kind of order. Without discussion intellectual experience is only an exercise in a private gymnasium. It has never been put to the test, never had to give an account of itself. It is some such motive that impels people to discussion; though they are too content with the jousting of past-board knights. But good discussion is not only a conflict. It progresses toward some common understanding. This does not mean that it must end in agreement. A discussion will have been adequate if it has done no more than set the problem in its significant terms or even defined the purpose that makes such a setting significant. You turn up things in your mind that would have remained buried without the incision of some new idea. The effort to say exactly what do you mean, sharpening your idea to the point that will drive home to others, is in itself invigorating. A good discussion tones up your mind, concentrates its loose particles, gives form and direction. When all say exactly what they mean, then for the first time understanding—the goal of discussion—is possible. "The New Republic."

## EXPRESSION AND OUR NOTES.

The gift of expression, whether in speech or on paper, is admittedly one of the greatest assets any individual can possess. The man who displays an unclouded ease when speaking, or who can write with a directness that gives due weight to his words, has acquired one of the most enviable of talents. At some time or other most of us have come into contact with men whose facility of expression has commanded our immediate and continuous admiration. It would be well for us if such admiration quickened us to an effort in the same direction. For if we are to attain any degree of proficiency as speakers and writers, it will be necessary for us to pass through the period of discipline and practice that has made others worthy subjects, as models. There is no doubt that if we were to learn the secret of this attainment, we would find that it was in large part at least, just work. A person may possess some degree of inherent ability, but unless this is fostered well and cultivated assiduously, it is in danger of becoming weaker instead of stronger. Those who have the one talent must not be guilty of burying it; they must use it, else they can never hope to reach the standard of excellence which they have set for themselves.

College years are in some respects pretty lean ones. All of our reading is limited to special fields, and most of it comes within the narrow confines of a "course." But in one thing there is ample opportunity for development and cultivation. This is in the matter of expression. There is almost unlimited opportunity for care and practice in this art. This is particularly so in the case of written expression. Notes on lectures, abstracts, not to mention essay writing, ought all to be made to serve the very useful purpose of an exercise in composition. But how often is this really the fact? Lecture notes are often taken only with a view to impressing the lecturer that you are not loafing in class. Some students even attempt to make themselves appear diligent to the extreme; and certainly a very large number of students take notes without any care for the manner of their expression or any thought regarding their future use. The result is often slovenly and unworkmanlike. And yet this is the only training that many of us are receiving in the art of expressing our thoughts on paper. Instead of being a bore, note taking might be made to serve a most valuable end. True, notes are an end in themselves. The matter therein contained is necessary to our work, but even this matter might be considerably enhanced if we gave more thought to the manner of expressing it. But apart from the better quality of the work for immediate use there is always the added advantage that you have brought into action whatever talent you may have for expression. Why should undergraduates not take a pride in the work they do in class? It is no excuse to hold that it is difficult to get notes from such and such

## THINGS AT MACDONALD COLLEGE ARE "LOOKING UP"; VARIOUS ACTIVITIES NOW UNDER WAY

Intercollegiate Basketball Between Macdonald and Bishop's College—Indoor Sports in Full Swing—Macdonald College House Economics Club Draws Up Excellent Programme for the Season.

College life at Macdonald is brightening up. The indoor games on both sides of the campus are starting in full swing. A number of musical evenings as well as social evenings are now scheduled for the future. The Patriotic dances are seemingly going to make a hit. The second dance is to be held on Saturday evening, Dec. 1st. The condition of the snow and weather has started one of our favorite sports, sleighing. Skating will not be in order on our rink until after Christmas, although preparations are at present being started to get the rink in shape. At a meeting of the men students on Tuesday evening, Mr. Bolly, was elected rink manager for the coming season. There is no doubt but what all the fellows will co-operate with Mr. Bolly and see him through a successful year. Skating on the river has commenced, but, naturally, only the fellows may risk having a skate thereon.

The first interclass debate will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6th, in the Assembly Hall at 7 o'clock, between the Junior and Senior years in Agriculture. The subject for debate will be: Resolved, that the establishment of maximum prices for all products sold in Canada during the war, is undesirable. The Junior men will uphold the negative side, and the Seniors, the affirmative. Messrs. Henry and Kutzman will debate for the Juniors, and Messrs. Arnold and Kelsall for the Seniors.

The Y.M.C.A. have started their annual series of Sunday evening "Sing Sings." They are quite popular with the students.

Daily prayer meetings are being held every evening, immediately after tea, in the Girls' Residence, for our boys at the front. Our aim is to keep those at the front in mind at all times.

Life at college is, as life is anywhere else, just as we make it by our attitude towards others.

The annual meeting of the Pomological and Fruit Growing Society of the Province of Quebec is to be held at Macdonald College on December 4 and 5, 1917. A very instructive as well as interesting programme has been prepared. A large attendance is anticipated.

### THE GIRLS' MASQUE.

Milton wrote one. Shakespeare wrote many. A worthy subject it is for a master-hand.

The humbler writer of these few hackneyed phrases, however, asks of the long-suffering reader nothing more than a little strain of his precious eyesight and a small part of his attention and patience. This is only if he have the interest of the fair—and also, dark—damsels of Macdonald College really at heart.

"To come down to hard tasks," as the slang expression goes, the "Macdonaldites" had a "whale" of a time at a masquerade dance given on Saturday night, November 24. It was very exclusive—only ladies of the faculty, and of the student body, too; we hope—being present.

We are sure that many a masculine eye was cast long and longingly towards that part of the women's residence in which the gymnasium is situated.

What a sight there was! Could the walls of that gymnasium speak, what a tale they could tell, and what queer sights they saw! The impression that first met the eye was a confused one—a perfect riot of colour—in fact, all colours in and out of the rainbow. Then gradually, things began to assert themselves; and one saw them as they were—at least, as they pretended they were. The aforesaid walls were bedecked tastefully and pleasantly in a color scheme of yellow and white, with a "spicy" garniture of pennants. Chrysanthemums carried out the colour scheme, while the refreshment booth was also in yellow

and white. Trust us to pick out a good, hard working committee. The booth, not the committee, was piled with apples that made your mouth water. All you did was to stretch forth your hand and help yourself to as many as you thought you could get away with without having nightmare as a result.

As for the costumes—words fail me to describe them to their full advantage. Gypsies there were, peasant girls, Quakers, ghosts, Japanese girls, and even a Chinaman. Red Cross nurses enough to make a fuss over a small army; and—shall we whisper it, almost real-looking men, including several soldiers (not tin). Some knew not whence they had sprung, nor what they were called. Suffice it to say that they were there.

While the writer was gazing around enraptured, not knowing where to look first, in walked the queerest-looking pair imaginable. Their bodies were composed almost entirely of head—a black, mirth-inspiring head. A quarrelsome pair they were, bumping each other continually during the grand march. Vague, hazy stories came back to the beholder of Tweedle-dee and Tweedle-dum.

Then there came along a sight that would quicken the interest of the lover of the ukulele and the dreamy Hawaiian tunes. The Hawaiian lady in question had planned out everything cleverly to the smallest detail. She kept her identity unknown to the point where she was awarded the first prize. She even claimed that she was talking Hawaiian, and as no one present claimed to be an expert linguist, she was not contradicted.

The winner of the second prize was the fat old, motherly Aunt Samantha. She and her husband Josiah, performed a dance with the assistance of an old umbrella. This could not be called classic; but it did, in our vernacular, "bring down the house." The stunts, however, won the first prize, namely, an "all-day sucker." Another very good idea was a miniature parade. Uncle Sam, Britain, Canada, and others were in it, bearing the sign, "Our Little Victory Loan."

"Robinhood" was good, and so were many others.

### Y. W. C. A. MEETING.

On Thursday evening, November 22, Dr. Rexford, Principal of the Diocesan College, came under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. to address the students.

All the schools were invited to the lecture, which was given in the Assembly Hall. The attendance was quite good. Dr. Rexford spoke on "Rural Problems," and clearly pointed out the difficulties of a teacher in a small rural community, and also how such difficulties may be overcome.

Dr. Rexford laid special stress on training, not only the minds of the children, but also their characters, and said that the only way to do this was by giving them daily Bible study, by reading good literature, and by personal example.

Dr. Rexford also said that he could not too strongly emphasize the need for Bible study, and also that the

teacher should get the co-operation of the church and the home, in the training of the children's characters.

Dr. Rexford knows well the different conditions in rural communities, and his talk was very much appreciated by all, and was especially interesting to the school for teachers.

Miss Philp, honorary vice-president of the Y.W.C.A., expressed our thanks to Dr. Rexford for his excellent speech and kindness in coming here. The meeting was closed by singing the National Anthem.

### GIRLS' ATHLETICS.

Much interest is being shown in the girls' athletics of the college. This interest is not only shown in basketball and baseball, but in swimming also. About 15 girls are training to take the life saving examination.

The inter-section basketball matches have not yet commenced, but when they do, we expect to have some good matches. Early in December the matches with R. V. C. will be played.

We are looking forward to skating, so that hockey will be added to the sports.

ESTELLE AMARON.

### MACDONALD vs. BISHOP'S COLLEGE.

A very interesting intercollegiate game of basketball was played on Saturday afternoon, November 24, between Bishop's College and Macdonald College, in the boys' gymnasium. The Bishop's players made a very attractive appearance on the floor, before the game, especially, even enough to make all onlookers feel sorry for the Macdonald team.

The game was called at 3 p.m., and all looked on with great anxiety to see who was to make the first score. Bishop's made the first score by a free throw, due to an error of Macdonald's. The game was played in three parts; one ten minute period and two fifteen minute periods. The playing in the first period was not fast. Both teams jacked combination, and the scores made were due to fouling on the part of a couple of players. Time was called with a score of 3-1 in Bishop's favor.

The second period started off with some pep on Macdonald's part, and some good individual playing was displayed. Penser, of the Macdonald team, was an outstanding player. The second period finished with 8-5 in Macdonald's favor.

The third and last period was very fast, both teams showing some good playing. Bishop's played good combination, but Macdonald's speed checked their plays. Both teams brought up their scores, making a finish with 23-13 in favor of Macdonald. No doubt the boys would have done better had the fair ladies of the other residence been present. Their happy laughter and encouraging rooting was missed immensely by all, and especially the players.

### INDOOR BASEBALL.

The first scheduled game of indoor baseball this season, held Nov. 20, at least demonstrated the efficiency of the staff's team to the college, when the latter went down to defeat 14-1. The line up was as follows, for College: Derrick, c.; Hodge, p.; Ness, 1b.; Doble, 3b.; Clarke, s.; Reid, r.f.; Scannell, c.f.; Baldwin, l.f. For Staff: A. R. Ness, c.; Summerby, p.; Gorham and Jull, s.s.; Reicker, 1b.; J. H. McOut, 3b.; Bryce, r.f.; McLaughlin, c.f.; Moynan, l.f. The effective battery work of Summerby and Ness was a feature of the game, and it is not surprising that so few hits were recorded against them. The Staff team started the merry-go-round in the second inning, and five runs were piled up before the smoke of battle died away; these were added to from time to time, and it was not until the latter innings that the College started to hold them down. The steady playing of Hodge and the aggressiveness of Clarke were the outstanding features of College's playing. College started a promising rally in the ninth, but Clarke was the only man successful in scoring a run. It was a game not marred by many spectacular plays excepting a good double play, Hodge to Ness. Summerby amused the crowd by tagging Jull at second.

### THE MACDONALD COLLEGE HOME ECONOMICS CLUB.

The Home Economics Club of Macdonald College has been organized for the purpose of making the School of Household Science conversant with all subjects that are of general interest to women; to create an active interest in the various student activities of the college; and to encourage social intercourse among its members.

There is every indication that the club will be successful in its attempt to make this year, 1917, a banner one in its history.

As a branch of that active organization, the Macdonald College Literary and Debating Society, it hopes to do some work of a patriotic nature.

There are meetings held by the Club every second week for the purpose of developing latent talent, and to stimulate and foster a good College spirit so necessary to the life of any College. These meetings are in addition to the regular fortnightly



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In the near future there is prospect of the club being linked up with the Home Economics Association of America. The thought of this affiliation is gratifying to the members of the club, for they realize that in being recognized by this nation-wide body of eminent men and women, as a social and educational factor in this country, they have taken a long step toward making themselves worthy of their college motto, "Mastery for Service."

Not only so, but they will have gone far toward attaining a high plane of usefulness as women; and when they go out from Macdonald College they will go equipped with a knowledge and experience fitting them to cope with the bigger and broader problems of living in an able, brave and cheerful manner; the spirit of the words of their favorite College song planted deep in their hearts and minds:

"Strong as the Ottawa past thee doth flow, Forth from thy portals shall thy children go; Never forgetting thee, or thy good fame, Macdonald! We'll conquer thro' force of thy name!"

MARY C. MELDRUM.



## HISTORICAL CLUB

## "DAS KAPITAL."

## (CONCLUDED.)

Next Marx brings in the factor of utility previously disregarded. "Nothing can have value," he declares, "without being an object of utility. If the thing is useless, so is the labor contained in it; the labor does not count as labor, and therefore creates no value" ("Das Kapital," p. 5). This qualification is amplified later. "Suppose," the argument runs, "that every piece of linen in the market contains no more labor-time than is socially necessary. In spite of this, all those pieces, taken as a whole, may have had superfluous labor-time spent upon them. If the market cannot stomach the whole quantity at the normal price of two shillings a yard, this proves that too great a proportion of the total labor of the community has been expended in the form of weaving. All the linen in the market counts but as one article of commerce, of which each piece is only a part. And as a matter of fact, the value also of each single yard is but the materialized form of the same definite and socially fixed quantity of homogeneous human labour." ("Das Kapital," p. 50.)

Thus it is evident that the factor of utility in determining value is admitted only grudgingly, for while it is granted that labor directed to the production of a useless article will not create value, the attempt is made to maintain a formal consistency with the doctrine of the sole efficacy of labor in determining value. To me it seems that we must stretch the term labor to include conceptions which at first sight are foreign to it, but nevertheless necessary. Marx admitted utility as a factor only as a qualifying force; we, I take it, grant this as an indispensable factor.

The theory of surplus value stands or falls with the labor theory of value. If we compare the two processes of producing value, and of creating surplus value, Marx maintains "we see that the latter is nothing but the continuation of the former beyond a certain point." ("Das Kapital," p. 110.)

You see at once that this theory is based on the assumption that the labor factor in production has the power, and the sole power, to create value. When the value is created a certain part of it goes out in the form of wages. This wage does not by any means measure the value of the laborer's services. What, then, becomes of the "surplus value," the value over and above wages? The capitalist appropriates it. Indeed, the great aim of the capitalist is to make this surplus value as big as possible, for he measures his success by surplus value—profits.

Marx claims that this surplus value appropriated by the exploiting class is only a species of robbery; it is ill-gotten gain, withholding from the workman that which by right of toll is his and his alone.

The third stage in the analysis of Capitalism is the law of Capitalist Development. In the law of Capitalist

Development, Marx sums up the tendencies which dominate the existing order, and seeks to demonstrate the imminent necessity at once of the breakdown of capitalism and of the coming of Socialism.

He began by emphasizing the progressively increasing scale of capitalist production. The surplus value which the vampire capital has sucked from labor rests at the capitalists disposal. (P. 134.) Marx then considers the effect of this automatic growth of capital on the lot of the working class. He asks how it came about that society was so organized as to permit this wholesale wrong upon the largest and most defenseless of its classes. It is in answer to this question that Marx makes this most notable contribution to Socialist theory. With great skill, and displaying a comprehensive knowledge of economic history, especially of English history, he traces the development of modern industrial society. He follows the evolution of capital from the days of mediaeval paternalism through the period of inventions when the industrial revolution changed the conditions of all classes and gave a sudden and princely power to capital, establishing the reign of "capitalistic production."

Always it was the man with capital who could take advantage of every new commercial and industrial opportunity, and the man without capital who was forced to succumb to the stress of new and cruel circumstances. In every stage of development it has been the constant aim of the capitalist to increase his profits and of the workman to raise his standard of living.

Marx then declares that, in order to have a capitalist society, two classes are necessary: a capitalist and a non-capitalist class, a class that dominates and one that succumbs. There have always been these two classes. Originally labor was slave, then it was serf, and now it is free. But free labor to-day differs from serf labor, and slave labor only in that it has a legal right to contract. The economic results are the same as they always have been: the capitalist still appropriates the surplus value.

The method of production, however, is very different in our capitalist era from the earlier eras. The industrial system herds the workmen into factories. Property and labor is no longer individualistic; it is social, it is corporated. Marx calls it "social production and capitalistic appropriation."

Here is the eternal antagonism between the classes, the large class of laborers, and the small class of "appropriators" of their common toll. These factories spring up willy-nilly wherever there is a capitalist who desires to enter business, and these capitalists are ruled by self interest, which results in over-production and panic, and a still further concentration of capital. Thus factories grow larger, and larger, the number of capitalists fewer and fewer; the number of proletarian dependents multiplies, the middle class is crushed out of existence; the rich become richer and fewer, the poor more numerous and poorer.

Such is the Marxian analysis of the capitalist system. And here is the development. Marx sums up the tendencies which dominate the existing order, and seeks to demonstrate the imminent necessity at once of the breakdown of capitalism and of the coming of Socialism.

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No communications will be admitted to this column without the name of the writer being attached for PUBLICATION.

The Editor, McGill Daily:

Dear Sir,—In yesterday's issue of the new Montreal paper, "The Truth," the following letter appeared:

## WATCH THE BUTTONS.

Montreal, P.Q.

To the Editor of "The Truth":

City.

Dear Sir,—The information which I am about to convey to you may prove of importance or it may not, but in my mind I think it has, hence I take the liberty of addressing you. Lately a smoker was given at the McGill Union to the Undergraduate Society of McGill University, for the sole purpose of bringing before the student body the aims of a certain club known as the Win-the-War-Club.

The principal speaker of the evening was a gentleman who was introduced as "Doc." Ware. He said he has been in the political game for the last 25 years, and amongst other

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alleged solution. In this turmoil of social production, capitalistic appropriation and anarchic distribution, there is discernible a reshaping of social potencies. The proletarian realizes the power of the state, and sees how he may possess himself of that power, and thereby gain control of the economic forces and reshape them to fit the needs of a better society. This will mean the appropriation of the means of production and distribution by society. Private capital will vanish, surplus values will belong to the people who create them; the people will be master and servant, capitalist and laborer. This is the Socialist stage of society. It will be the result of the natural evolution of human industry. Its immediate coming will be the result of a social revolution. This revolution is, claims Marx, in the very nature of things. Man cannot prompt it, he cannot prevent it. He may only study the trend of things and alleviate the birth-pangs at the time of the rebirth of man into a better day.

Mr. R. J. Clarke, who followed, pointed out that in England, where there had been legislation of a distinctly socialistic type passed, it was due to the infusion of Marx's ideas into the common sense of the day. This was shown by the examples of Trades Unionism and Social Service among the workers of the country.

Dr. Fryer and Mr. Tarkak added very materially to the discussion, which never lacked in intensity. After refreshments had been served, the meeting adjourned.

## ARRANGEMENTS NOW COMPLETE FOR SMOKER

## Science Men Will Enjoy Many Smokes To-night—Programme a Good One.

To-night, at 8.15, the Executive of the Science Undergrad Society are giving a smoker to the undergraduate body of Applied Science in the McGill Union. Owing to the small enrollment in Science Faculty this year, it was thought that it would be impossible to arrange an address of such a character as would be of sufficient interest to the members as a whole to warrant the success of such an undertaking. Instead, the Science Undergrad. Executive have arranged a Smoker, at which there will be a bounteous supply of smokes and eats. A splendid programme has also been arranged, and it is hoped that each and every student of Applied Science will make it a point to cancel all previous engagements for to-night, and help make the Smoker a success by his presence.

Prof. Murray has been kind enough to postpone until Monday the class exam in Mathematics for members of the First Year, which was to be held on Saturday morning, in order to enable them to attend the Smoker. A cordial invitation is extended to the members of the staff of instruction to be present, and the executive would consider it a favor if as many would attend as could possibly do so.

The following are a few of the numbers which will be on to-night's programme:

Piano Solo—Cloutier.  
Bass Solo—Youns.  
Piano Solo—Dolton.  
Violin Solo—Beach.  
Gornet Solo—Bouturey.  
Sketches—Ed. Tremble.  
Dean Adams, Dr. Barnes and Prof. McKay have promised to be present, if it is possible to do so.

## CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

Dr. Rutlan will address the next meeting of the Chemical Society this afternoon, at 5 o'clock, taking as his subject "The Potash Problem in Canada." Canada, with her enormous agricultural areas, is of necessity vitally interested in the potash supply, and efforts have been made for years past in order to make America independent of the great Stassfurt deposits. An interesting review of work done along this line is expected, and anyone interested is welcome to come and hear Dr. Rutlan speak.

## COMMITTEE MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the Social Committee of the Arts Undergrad. Society to-night at 5.00 p.m.

## R. V. C. NOTES.

## BASKETBALL.

The R. V. C. A. A. has accepted a challenge to play Macdonald College on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 5. Two teams, a first and a second, will be chosen from the following list of girls. If any of these girls will not be able to play next Wednesday or on the following Saturday (Dec. 8th), when the return match will take place, will they please let me know immediately. The teams will leave for Macdonald about 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, and will return about 8, the R.V.C.A.A. paying the fares. The following girls must turn out to a practice in the R. V. C. gym on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 2 p.m.: Guards: R. Rogers, K. Milligan, L. Fowler, M. Fares, H. Nichol, G. Gardner.

Centres: G. Craig, G. Moody, H. Macintosh, Q. Savage, R. Salomon, H. Davidson.  
Forwards: R. Goodwin, J. Spier, R. Contant, E. Hay, B. Abbott, K. Cameron.

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## INTER-YEAR BASKETBALL.

On Friday at 5.10, there will be two basketball matches, between, first, Seniors and Juniors, and second, Sophomores and Freshies. This may be the last of the Inter-Year Series—so turn out to cheer on the winners!

The last few rehearsals of Maitre Patelin give every promise of success for next Saturday. The play itself is most amusing, and the costumes and stage setting are nothing if not original. Fancy three scenes being shown on the one stage all at once. It sounds like the Hippodrome, but it is in reality nothing more than the simplicity of old French staging. There are many anomalies in the play, one of the strangest, perhaps, being that of the person who says the funniest things really says nothing. If you cannot reconcile these two ideas in your mind, come to the play and all will be clear.

Between the acts there will be musical selections by Miss Augusta Schmidt and Miss Thibaudau. As the proceeds are in aid of the McGill Women's Union, it is hoped there will be a large attendance.  
Admission 25c.

Once more, as the winter campaign draws near in the trenches, the thought of aid for the soldiers both at the front and in the prison encampments comes to the minds of those who are still at home. The men who are fighting at the front will be once more subject to untold hardships throughout the winter, and will be continually making sacrifices for the sake of their country. Is it just that they should bear all the burden of the war? Should not those who are fortunate enough to remain at home do their part to help them? It is to be taken for granted that the people here have already given up luxuries. Now is the time to make real sacrifices. There is no possible comparison between the sacrifice of some comfort and that of life itself, which is the supreme sacrifice that every man at the front is willing to make for his country. The time has come for Canadians as a whole to awake to the realization of the suffering on the battlefields of Europe and to do More Than Their Share in alleviating it.

Many people have contributed to the Red Cross, which is conducting an exceedingly useful work at the front. But now another kind of opportunity for relieving the men in the trenches has been offered you. Only until December 1st can you subscribe to the Victory Loan. Students should consider the significance of the matter, and meet the demands made of them with a somewhat different spirit from that shown other campaigns to raise money. Real, telling sacrifices should be the keynote of such a campaign, and not merely the giving up of trivial pleasures.

## ARTS '20 PICTURE.

All Arts '20 men are requested to turn up at the Arts Building at 1.00 p.m., sharp to-day, for the Class photograph.

## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Executive of the Literary and Debating Society will be held this afternoon in Strathcona Hall at 5.15 p.m. It is particularly requested that every member of the Executive be present.

## LOST.

"McGill Siege Draft" pin. Finder please return to Janitor of Arts Building, or to porter of R.V.C.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

There will be an important meeting of the Athletic Association in the McGill Union to-day at 4.45 p.m.  
There is a great deal of important and urgent business to be discussed, and it is hoped that the following members will be present:  
D. C. Smelzer.  
R. R. Struthers, Track.  
"Pat" Rooney, Hockey.  
S. H. O'Brien, Swimming Club.  
"Jake" Fawcett, Football.  
E. W. G. Branch, Tennis.  
H. Moquin, B. F. and W.  
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Any business to be brought before the Association should be in by this date.

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